



First Thursday Forum

Creating Energy Alternatives: The Great Lakes Institute for Energy Innovation

Dr. Norman C. Tien



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**April 3, 2008
7:00—9:00 PM
Trinity Commons
Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Ave.
Information: 216-781-0555**

Dr. Tien is the dean and Nord Professor of Engineering at Case Western Reserve University's Case School of Engineering, and the Ohio Eminent Scholar in Condensed Matter Physics. The newly founded Great Lakes Institute for Energy Innovation is not only a research facility, but also a vehicle to drive cultural change at Case by promoting multi-disciplinary, collaborative, large-scale research.

Another aspect of the Institute is developing outreach programs in science, technology, engineering and math for Cleveland-area

primary and secondary students and teachers.

According to Dr. Tien, "The greatest challenges and opportunities for engineers and scientists of the 21st century likely will focus on the generation, transportation, utilization and storage of energy." For more information about Dr. Tien and his vision, go to www.engineering.case.edu/about/dean.html. For more information about the Great Lakes Institute for Energy Innovation, go to www.case.edu/energy/.

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*Annual Meeting
May 31*

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- LWV US
<http://www.lwv.org/>
- LWV Ohio
<http://www.lwvohio.org/>
- LWV CuyArea
<http://www.lwvCuyahogaArea.org>
- Cuyahoga County Brd of Elections
<http://www.boe.cuyahogacounty.us/>

Pride and Prejudice

*Y*ou may still make that date with Mr. Darcy. Fewer than 10 tickets remain (\$60.00 each) for the reception and matinee performance of PRIDE AND PREJUDICE, Drury Theater, Sunday, March 30, 12:45 pm. First published in 1813, *Pride and Prejudice* has consistently been Jane Austen's most popular novel, portraying life in the genteel rural society of the day, depicting the initial misunderstandings and later mutual enlightenment between Elizabeth Bennet (whose liveliness and quick wit have often attracted readers) and the haughty Darcy.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

My Friends,

The League of Women Voters Cuyahoga Area (**CuyArea**) has a vision for the future and strategies for making it real. It is huge, bold and challenging. It will require a large commitment from some and a little commitment from all.

We believe that the League of Women Voters can be the major source for public policy dialogue and voter information throughout the northeast Ohio region. To accomplish this vision, we must look to "our own house" first. That is why we will ask delegates to the Annual Meeting to adopt By-laws supporting a new administrative model that includes a President/Administrator, five VPs (**Communication**, F & D, Membership, Program, Voter Service), Secretary, Treasurer, **Education Fund Chair**, and up to eight appointed directors as needed. (Your Call to Annual Meeting is coming in April.)

Why do I call this a new administrative model? League prides itself on being a grassroots organization. We are going back to our roots...to our members. Each of the elected positions has a job description that not only defines the specific responsibilities of the job, but also suggests how they can be shared in large bites and small nibbles among both experienced and new Leaguers. Experience tells us that engaged members are life members.

We merged to grow. The Strategic Plan tells us to grow by 30% within five years and to reflect the diversity of age, race and gender that exists in **CuyArea**. How will we accomplish this? We will ask elected officials, friends

and neighbors, people we meet who share our passion for democratic institutions. We will offer programs in all parts of **CuyArea** reflective of our passion and we will invite those who come to join us.

Political and civic leaders in northeast Ohio are focused on the region. We hear and read about their efforts every day. The League has been operating and cooperating throughout the region for 50 years. The Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Center, our most visible collaborative effort, began with a few Leaguers and grew to a collaboration of League, civic and political leaders reaching all the way to Washington DC. The Strategic Plan directs us to expand our collaborative relationships into the contiguous counties in the northeast Ohio region and we will do that.

Instantaneous communication! That's how things work today and **CuyArea** must adapt. We must have in place communication technology that enables expanded contact service to members, the public and the media. Right now our website is undergoing renovation to make it more attractive and to expand the content. March 31 is our target date.

Finally, **CuyArea** must have a fiscally sound Education Fund with a professional Executive Director managing the work of paid staff and **CuyArea** volunteers.

NOTICE: When you think, speak or write of us think say or write **CuyArea**. CuyA is a little too "whoopie!", if you know what I mean. And LWV Cuyahoga Area is a whole lot too long.

— *Lolly*

Birthday wishes: The League's 88th!

—*"Happy Birthday to a group that still believes in the "high road" and making things transparent, honest, and positive."*

—*"We are so proud to be a small part of this big, beautiful picture of democracy in action."*

—*"I came from Iraq and I was 38 year-old. I was never given the chance to*

vote. I am a proud member of this league and I am a proud citizen of this country where I was given the chance to vote."

Received by LWVUS

Will the County Close the Youth Development Center?

Roslyn Talerico, LWV CuyArea Vice President

The Cleveland Boys School was established on in 1903 in Hudson Township. Its purpose was to remove youth from jail and place them in a rural setting for rehabilitation rather than punishment. It was transferred to the County in 1958, merged with Blossom Hill School for Girls and renamed the Youth Development Center (YDC).

The YDC serves youth ages 12 to 18. Youth are sent to the YDC after all alternatives have been exhausted — the place of last resort — before being sent to state institutions. When League members visited in June, 130 kids were in residence, 28 girls and 102 boys. In addition, 20 youth from the overcrowded Juvenile Detention Center were in a cottage awaiting their hearings. Offenses included gang activities, drugs, domestic violence, breaking and entering, carrying concealed weapons, and auto theft.

The treatment philosophy used at YDC is based on a cognitive-behavioral approach with the goal of developing

a value system that will prevent re-entry into the criminal justice system. Youth attend a school operated by the Cleveland Municipal Schools. According to Superintendent Delgado, 250 volunteers, many from Hudson, provide support for the youth.

The County Commissioners plan to close the YDC and contract with local treatment programs to rehabilitate the 200 youths sent to the center annually. The League has asked the Commissioners to reconsider. Many children in the system do not have a stable home to provide the support they need to become responsible adults. Treatment in the community relies on parent(s), schools, and neighborhood organizations and too often that support is unavailable. The League recommends that the county provide YDC with the support needed for effective rehabilitation. The troubled kids are there; the facility is available; all that is lacking is the funding for intensive treatment.

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An "ism" for All of Us

Lynda Mayer, County Government Chair

Can we fix our economy through regional collaboration and cooperation? A League exploration team has been busy finding out what is happening in northeast Ohio (NEO). They recently interviewed Chris Thompson and Laura Steinbrink from the Fund for Our Economic Future (Fund).

The Fund unites philanthropy to improve economic competitiveness through grant making, research and civic engagement in the 16 counties that comprise NEO. Grants have been awarded to organizations focused on: 1) Business Growth and Attraction; 2) Talent Development; 3) Growth Through Racial and Economic Inclusion; and 4) Government Collaboration and Efficiency. The Fund has joined with Advance Northeast Ohio (ANO) to implement priorities identified by *Voices & Choices*.

The Fund has commissioned two studies to provide a research-based rationale for its work. The Government Fragmentation Study will analyze whether competing municipal service delivery is more expensive than coordinated delivery systems. The Regional Economic Revenue Study is exploring three models of tax revenue sharing and the implications of revenue sharing in NEO.

We act regionally when we shop, work, attend school across political

boundaries – "ad hoc regionalism." But the 16 counties, 657 municipalities, school districts and other special districts in NEO compete for the same revenue streams, jobs and local growth.

Regional initiatives mentioned:

1. Sharing administration among school districts;
2. Merging fire districts and first-responder networks;
3. Merger of metropolitan planning organizations;
4. Education initiatives at the elementary, secondary and higher education levels;
5. Racial and economic inclusion.

Mr. Thompson and Ms. Steinbrink noted that there will always be barriers to intergovernmental cooperation because it is natural for local officials to be loyal to their local interests. Regionalism means different things to different people and is often interpreted as governmental consolidation. The Fund defines regionalism as an expression of loyalty to the region demonstrated by collaboration and sharing.

We must hang together, gentlemen ...else, we shall most assuredly hang separately.

— Benjamin Franklin



LWV-CuyArea MEMBERSHIP FORM for new members

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March 30 *Pride and Prejudice*
 Cleveland Playhouse, Drury Theatre
 12:45 PM Reception, 2:00 PM Performance
 Contact the League office at 216-781-0555

April 3 **First Thursday Forum**, 7:00-9:00 pm
Creating Energy Alternatives: The Great Lakes Institute for Energy Innovation, Speaker Dr. Norman C. Tien, Trinity Commons, 2232 Euclid Avenue, \$5.00

April 5 **LWV CuyArea Board Meeting**, Cleveland Hts.-University Hts. Main Library, 2345 Lee Rd.

April 6 **League Book Club**, 3:00-5:00 pm
 Hostess: Lolly Jacobsen, 2327 Edgehill Rd.
 Please RSVP: 216-795-8400

April 23 **The Judiciary: The Least Understood Branch**, 7:00 pm, Fairview Park Library, 21255 Lorain Rd., Contact Nikki Salupo: 440-333-3842

May 3 **LWV CuyArea Board Meeting**, Brooklyn Branch, Cuy Cty Library, 4480 Ridge Rd.

League Book Club

The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court, by Jeffrey Toobin, staff writer for the New Yorker and political analyst for CNN, called eminently readable and informative by some and criticized for its lack of objectivity by others, is the March/April selection of the CuyArea Book Club. Readers will meet at the home of Don and Lolly Jacobsen - 2327 Edgehill Road (just above Little Italy) on Sunday, April 6th 3 - 5:00 p.m. Please RSVP to jacobsen.margaret@att.net or call 216-795-8400 for parking instructions.

The Judiciary: The Least Understood Branch

The Fairview Park Chapter, in cooperation with the Lakewood, Rocky River and Westlake/North Olmsted Chapters will sponsor an evening with local members of the Ohio Bar Association on April 23 at 7:00 pm at the Fairview Park Library located at 21255 Lorain Road, Fairview Park. The program includes a short DVD and a panel discussion with local Attorneys and Judges. Questions will be entertained. All members are invited and guests are welcome. For information contact Nikki Salupo at 440-333-3842.

Save the date: ANNUAL MEETING — May 31st

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